



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DIVISION OF AIR AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
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10 November 1988

Ms. Rachel Marino  
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Newport, RI 02841-5000

Dear Ms. Marino:

I have received the Tank Closure Plan for tanks 53 and 56 at Tank Farm 5, submitted to this office on 13 July 1988. Upon review of this plan, I have the following comments and responses:

IV. General Description of the Closure Alternatives

Alternative 2 - page 6

Please find enclosed, two EPA Application Forms to assist you in deciding on the proper disposal method for the water portion of the tank contents. It should be noted that the level of each hazardous constituent in the effluent must correspond to EPA mandated discharge levels.

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Alternative 3B is the only closure procedure immediately acceptable to this office. In order to allow the walls of the tank to remain as suggested in Alternative 3A, it will have to be demonstrated that the walls have been completely decontaminated of all hazardous constituents. In either case, the tank must be backfilled with an inert solid material.

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Include under item 24, proposed plans for treatment and or disposal of contaminated groundwater.

Appendix 6: Groundwater Study

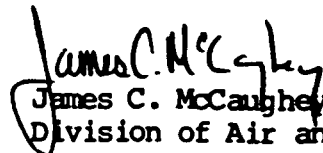
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HNu readings indicate the presence of volatile organic compounds in the soil surrounding tanks 53 and 56, submit to the Department, plans for the investigation and ultimate disposal or decontamination of this material as in accordance with 40 CFR 265.179(a).

Please respond to the above items by 22 November 1988. Include in this response, a schedule of dates to accompany the Proposed Closure Plan (page 8) of the previously submitted document.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 277-2797.

Sincerely,

  
James C. McCaughey, Senior Engineer  
Division of Air and Hazardous Materials

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*Note: A-E & we have problem with the response time. They've taken 4 months to reply yet they expect a response within 4 working days. A-E is contacting Director to complain and get a new date.*